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1. The East German stock-piling plan for 1954 includes the purchase of raw materials and foodstuffs only. Stores of manufactured goods now available will be released for the acquisition of raw materials. Existing supplies of blue and olive-green uniform cloth will be among the exchange commodities used for purchase of these raw materials.

2. Warehouses of the East German State Reserve include the following, among others:

- a. Auerswalde bei Chemnitz: formerly the firm of Arnold (near the Oberlichtenau station). Available area: one building with a total of 860 square meters. Goods stored there are at times transferred to the Deutsche Handelzentrale (DHZ).
- b. Erfenschlag bei Chemnitz: former factory in Paul-Franke Strasse 6. Useful area: 3,240 square meters, with several covered galleries. Goods in storage here include metal wares and chemicals.
- c. Forst-Lausitz, Gubener Strasse 5, former Haensel Factory. Useful area: 10,000 square meters. Goods in storage: textiles and shoes. At present very large quantities are being stored.
- d. Gornsdorf, in Stollberg: former factory opposite the Meinersdorf Consumers' Cooperative. From the Consumers' Cooperative building, an overhead electric cable runs to a water turbine, which is shortly to be in operation. Energy is provided for the cooperative by the diversion of a stream. Useful area: 2,500 square meters. Goods in storage: automobile tires and cotton.
- e. Groeningen: former sugar factory. Useful area: a covered gallery with 1,200 square meters, three others with 5,400 square meters. Goods in storage: sugar. Sugar previously stored sent to DIA. (Mostly export stock).

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- f. Crimmitschau: useful area: about 1,500 square meters. Goods in storage: textiles. At times deposited in DHZ.
- g. Leipzig, Wittenberger Strasse, 1-b: immediately adjoining this property are VASENOL and KG. Emil F. Schmidt. Useful area: 3,500 square meters, which is to be increased by about 2,000 square meters. Goods in storage: nonferrous metal, black metal, sheet iron in various thicknesses up to 8 m (ship's plates, etc.).
- h. Oranienburg: former Zeppelin hangars. Barracks first erected for use as storehouses.
- i. Ostritz (Goerlitz): former jute factory. Storehouse being built. Useful area: 10,700 square meters. Expected storage goods: cotton. Shipment via the Polish station of Ostritz.<sup>1</sup>
- j. Reichenbach (Vogtland): formerly the firm of Sidonius Kessler. Useful area: 4,000 square meters. Expected storage goods: pharmaceutical goods and hospital equipment.
- k. Rodewisch (Kreis Auerbach): useful surface, 6,500 square meters. New construction.
- l. Stollberg (Saxony): situated near the REMA firm.<sup>2</sup> Useful area: 1,250 square meters. Goods in storage: textile, leather goods, 500 tons of soap. Shortly to be stocked.
- m. Tangermuende, Arneburger Strasse: a former sugar refinery. Useful area: about 50,000 square meters. Various buildings and sheds, with a harbor of their own. Adjoining property belongs to the Tangermuende shipping repair works. In this area are a consumers' cooperative, artificial honey works, production and storage of the DHZ "Textile and Leather." Goods in storage here: sugar, automobile tires, motor trucks of various kinds, ambulances, paper.
- n. Heidenau, Pirnaerstrasse 31-33. Formerly a papermill. Useful area: 43,490 square meters. Goods in storage: paper, artificial rubber (Buna), and (in the basement rooms) canned fish. The Ministry of Light Industry expects to build a modern papermill here, beginning work in 1954.
- o. Guben, Feldstrasse 2, 3, 3a. Formerly storehouse of VVB Spiritus. Capacity: 2,800,000 liters. Expected goods in storage: edible oils.
- p. In the vaults of the Deutschen Notenbank in Leipzig, there are stored 50 kilograms of rubidium (for refining steel), with a value of 750,000 Marks.

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- 1. Comment: Possibly Ostrzyce, the Polish name for Ostritz, is meant.
- 2. Comment: REMA GmbH Rundfunk, Bachgasse 7, Stollberg.

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